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## MISCELLANEOUS.

### The Gravel in the Wilderness.

BY MISS CAROLINE ORNE.

"The first snow on the mountain,  
The first snow on the mountain,  
The first snow on the mountain,  
The first snow on the mountain."

It was on a bright morning in the month  
of May, that the wagon of an emigrant might  
have been seen slowly moving along the  
rough grass covered road, faintly traced  
through the heart of the southwestern wilderness.  
It is seldom that the sun looks upon a  
scene of richer beauty, and yet the hearts of  
those who beheld it, pined for the home they  
left behind them.

"How do you feel now?" said Mr.  
Osborne, with an expression of great anxiety  
looking back into the wagon from the seat  
where he sat guiding the horses. This was  
addressed to his daughter, a girl of seventeen,  
who lay on a bed placed in the bottom of the  
wagon, with her head supported in her mother's  
lap.

"A little better," she replied in a faint  
voice.

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Osborne, "the fever  
which on your cheeks deepens every moment.  
I wish we could find some spot where we  
might rest; but cannot bear the motion of  
the carriage."

"We must go on till we can find water, at  
least," replied her husband, "and if I am  
not deceived the soil indicates it to be near at  
hand."

"Let James and I alight, father, and go  
forward," said a handsome, active boy of  
thirteen, "and see if we can find some  
place where we can rest, and alighting, the boys  
started along the road, which now began to  
be a deep forest. Leaving the road on  
their feet, they soon emerged into the open  
country, and ascending a spot of ground  
somewhat elevated, they, to their great de-  
light, beheld at a little distance, a stream of  
water sparkling brightly in the sunbeams.

The shout of joy which they uttered at the  
discovery, rose shrill and clear on the air, and  
was wafted back to the foot of the hill. Mr.  
Osborne alighted the horses into a quicker  
pace, and in a few moments they had arrived  
at the point where the eldest boy, whose  
name was Robert had stationed himself, that  
he might direct his father which way to pro-  
ceed. It was with considerable difficulty  
though the distance was short that Mr. Os-  
borne led the horses through the intricacies of  
the forest, the interlacing boughs or the luxu-  
riant vine, frequently checking all father pro-  
cess, till out of town away."

"There father," said Robert when they had  
at last arrived at the foot of the eminence,  
"twice where James stands in the shade of  
these large trees. Well the water, though  
not so pure as it is here, is not more than half  
a mile from that spot, and looks almost as bright  
and sparkling as the brook that used to run  
back of our house, which Rosa used to love  
so well. There are no such smooth pebbles  
at the bottom, though," he added with a  
sigh.

It was a lonely and quiet spot; the rustling  
of the foliage, and occasionally a gust of  
sweet wild music, from some bird alone  
breathing the Sabbath stillness. The air,  
soft and clear, and laden with the breath of  
the many brilliant flowers gemming the green  
sward, as if fanned the brow of the fair girl  
for a moment appeared to alleviate her suffer-  
ings. From her place where she lay, she  
could behold the sparkling stream, and she  
thought of the clear brook on whose pebbles  
she had in childhood, so often stood and  
watched its waters, like a stream of liquid  
silver, gurgle over her small bare feet, and  
drained to its musical voice that seemed  
whispering to her of days of joy to come.

There was a living form, too, that rose amid  
the scene, and hallowed and endeared the  
memories of her late home. The spot where  
Edgar Ashton had told her of his love, and  
committed to her the place he had formed  
of joining her in the far west, as soon as he  
had accumulated a sum that would make the  
little homestead for his widowed mother and  
his two younger brothers, rose up so palpably  
before her that she held her breath to lis-  
ten, expecting to hear his voice. The loud  
trill of a bird, such as she had never before  
heard, seemed the allusion and covering  
her face with her hands, she wept as she be-  
came conscious that her mind was yielding to  
the bewitching influence of the scene.

The moon tide hour had long been past,  
and Mr. Osborne and his two sons had com-  
pleted a slight structure, formed of the limbs  
and boughs of trees, as shelter from the  
heavy night dews. Rosa, as she turned her  
eyes towards the east, beheld one lone star  
striving to shine faintly near the horizon,  
and she imagined that its light might beam  
on him who was now far away. Perhaps  
even then his eyes, like hers might be di-  
rected towards it.

"Is not Thursday?" she inquired of her  
mother, who drew near her bedside.

She replied that it was.

"Thursday evening," she resumed, "is as  
you may remember, the last we ever spent in  
our home. Edgar Ashton was with us, and  
before we parted, we all sang our favorite

evening hymn. Let me listen to it now for  
the last time."

"Many persons have heard the 'Evening  
Hymn,' commencing with the line,  
"The day is past and gone,"

beautiful for its simplicity, and which, in for-  
mer years, might have been heard by a New  
England freeman, sung by the united voices  
of a household, before retiring to rest. Now  
for the first time, its music rose on the still air  
of the lonely and solemn wilderness. The  
clear and deep voice of Mr. Osborne trembled  
not, even when the voice of Rosa was heard  
joining in the hymn in accents sweet, yet low  
and broken—for the iron nerves of a strong  
man are not easily shaken, even when the  
heart is bleeding with anguish; but the voices  
of the mother and brothers were unsteady,  
and sometimes almost ceased, for they knew  
that it was the last time Rosa would ever  
sing with them. She had, before they com-  
menced their hymn, been removed to the  
shelter of the bower, but so near the entrance  
which had, by her request, been made to look  
towards the home of her star which had at-  
tracted her attention when it first began to  
kindle its fire in the heavens.

She spoke of Edgar Ashton, and holding  
up her hand, so as to display a plain gold ring  
he gave her at parting, requested it to be re-  
turned to him when she was dead.

"Oh, Rosa," cried Robert, sobbing as he  
spoke, "you will get well—I know you will."  
"No, Robert, I shall die, and you and father,  
mother and James, will all have to go  
away and leave me here alone. You, mother,  
must write to Edgar Ashton, and tell him  
you left me resting in a pleasant spot near a  
stream of clear water, almost as beautiful  
as that which runs near the home we  
left. Tell him the song of birds will float  
over me by day, and the star, sweet and  
mild as the one we loved to imagine, was the  
home of ministering spirits, will shine upon  
my grave by night. Mark the spot where  
you bury me, so that if ever he should be a  
wanderer in this country, he may find where  
I lie." She now closed her eyes, and seem-  
ed inclined to sleep.

The night wore on, and the father and  
mother watched together by the low couch  
of their dying daughter. Even the boys, so  
slightly worn their slumbers, roused themselves  
at every noise, were it only the low twitter of  
a bird, as it moved on its leafy perch.

The day star had risen in the east when  
Rosa awoke from her heavy sleep. Mr. and  
Mrs. Osborne bent earnestly forward to catch  
the low murmur of her lips. Her words were  
broken and indistinct, but they knew that she  
spoke of the blessedness of that land where  
friends meet to part no more, and where sor-  
row and sighing flee away. She became in-  
creasingly weak, and they saw it was death that had  
laid her voice. Mrs. Osborne, and the boys,  
covered their faces and wept; but Mr. Os-  
borne, as he turned his eyes toward heaven,  
now glowing with the first beams of day,  
said in a low, yet unflinching voice, "The  
Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away;  
blessed be the name of the Lord."

All the next day they watched beside their  
dead. Her shroud was carefully arranged  
by the mother's hands, and her long golden  
tresses, which used to sport with every breeze,  
were parted on her cold forehead, and  
lay motionless and snowy folds. Robert and  
James gathered violets and wild flowers,  
which they knew she loved, and placed them  
upon her bosom.

The twilight shadows began to gather. A  
grave had been dug in the shade of the large-  
st and most beautiful of the trees, amid  
whose branches birds were now singing their  
evening songs. They knew that the time  
had come for them to commit her to the  
earth, and kneeling down by her, they  
sang hymns, Mr. Osborne offered up a  
prayer, fervent and humble—heart-thrilling,  
yet full of trust. When they arose they felt  
strengthened for their mournful task. They  
placed her gently in the grave they had pre-  
pared, looked upon her for the last time, and  
then all but the father turned away, for they  
could not bear to see the earth fall upon the  
sweet face that had so often smiled upon  
them, and which was beautiful even in death.  
Mr. Osborne leaned for a few minutes on his  
spade, and breathed a silent prayer, that he  
might not shrink from this last trying duty  
which he owed to the dead.

By the time the grave was closed and cov-  
ered with the fresh green sods, daylight had  
entirely faded. All was calm and silent.  
Even the voice of the winds was hushed; yet  
as they sat together by the spot where they  
had laid their poor Rosa, a floating whisper,  
such as is heard only in the deep hush of the  
evening or night time, seemed to come to them  
like low and distant music. None  
spoke, yet it fell on the ears of all with deep,  
soothing power. It appeared to them like  
the echo of spirit voices, singing some sweet  
hymn, such a one as Rosa used to love to  
breathe with her clear musical voice, on a  
still Sabbath evening in summer.

The morning rose bright and balmy, and  
Mr. Osborne, with the assistance of his fam-  
ily, having enclosed the grave with logs pre-  
pared the day before, mentioned that it was  
time for them to pursue their journey. Ev-  
ery thing being ready for their departure, they  
looked on the grave for the last time, and  
went.

When they arrived at the spot destined to  
be their future home, Mrs. Osborne's first  
care was to perform the request of Rosa, and  
write to Edgar Ashton. The letter and the  
ring were entrusted to the care of a gentle-  
man about to commence a journey, which  
would lead near the young man's home, and  
he promised to deliver them with his own  
hand. He wrote an immediate answer, for  
it was a consolation to pour out his heart to  
somebody who he knew would give him their  
sympathy.

A thousand thanks," said he, towards the  
conclusion of the letter, "for the faithful de-  
scription you gave me of the spot where you  
made her grave. It is present to my mind  
in the still evening and in the deep night. It  
will ever be the dearest spot to me on earth,  
and soon to be able to behold it, is the dearest  
hope I most fondly cherish."

A number of years afterwards, as a travel-  
ler from one of the New England States,  
was riding in company with a native son of  
the forest, he at a little distance observed a  
small spot of ground enclosed with logs. In-  
quiring of the Indian his design, he related to  
him the incidents on which the foregoing  
sketch is founded. With feelings deeply  
touched and interested at the idea that a  
young and beautiful girl was reposing alone  
in the wilderness, far from kindred and  
friends, he drew near the enclosure. A wild  
rose tree, together with the sensitive plant had  
taken root on her grave, and were growing  
in rich luxuriance—appropriate emblems of

the beauty and modest virtues of her who  
slept beneath.

MR. VAN BUREN AND FREE TRADE.—  
The Journal of Commerce of yesterday morn-  
ing says:

"Mr. Buren's avowal of free trade opin-  
ion has recently, if not before, been very dis-  
tinct, and such as to satisfy we know, a great  
many free trade men and secure their votes."

ODD FELLOWS.—We learn from the Sa-  
vannah Georgian, that the Rev. Albert Case,  
D. D., Grand Sire of the Grand Lodges of the  
United States instituted the above Grand  
Lodge at Washington Hall, in that city, on  
Monday evening, 13th instant, under a char-  
ter granted by the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

J. Q. ADAMS.

Among the testimonials of respect shown  
to Mr. Adams, while at Cincinnati, was an  
invitation given him by the bar of that city  
to a meeting. It was attended with no dis-  
play, banners, badges or procession, but  
seemed an affectionate and heartfelt meeting  
of the older brother of the family. In answer  
to Judge Este on the part of the bar, Mr.  
Adams gave the following reply, expressive  
of sentiments so truly free and liberal that  
they put to the blush the infamous pseudo-  
democratic revilers of this noble old patriot  
and friend of man, and the most faithful of  
all the priesthood in the temple of human  
freedom and equal rights.

Honored Sir—Brethren of the Bar:—It has  
been my misfortune the last half year, to ap-  
pear before my fellow citizens in various  
States of the Union, under circumstances  
such as never occurred before in the whole  
course of my life; but among all the occa-  
sions, there has not been one for which I was  
so totally unprepared as now. I have re-  
ceived complimentary addresses from fellow  
citizens of every class, character, denomina-  
tion, and party; but this is the first time that  
I have received a tribute of that nature from  
my professional brethren.

I have been a member of that profession  
upwards of a half century. In the early part  
of my life, having a father abroad, it was my  
fortune to travel much in foreign countries;  
still, under an impression which I first received  
from my mother, that in this country ev-  
ery man should have some trade, that trade  
which from the advice of my parent, and  
my own inclination, I chose, was the profes-  
sion of the Law. After having completed an  
education in which, perhaps more than  
any other citizen of that time, I had advan-  
tages—and which of course brought with  
it the incumbent duty of manifesting by  
my life that those extraordinary advan-  
tages of education secured to me by my  
father, had not been worthlessly bestowed—  
on coming into life after such great ad-  
vantages, and having the duty of selecting  
a profession for myself, I chose that of the  
Bar. I closed my education as a lawyer  
with one of the most eminent jurists of the  
age, Theophilus Parsons, of Newburyport,  
at that time practising lawyer, but sub-  
sequently Chief Justice of the Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts. Under his in-  
struction and advice, I closed my educa-  
tion, and commenced what I can hardly  
call the practice of Law, in the city of Boston.

At that time, though I cannot say that  
I was friendless, yet my circumstances  
were not independent. My father was  
then in a situation of great responsibility  
and notoriety in the government of the  
United States. But he had been long ab-  
sent from his own country, and still con-  
tinued absent from that part of it to which  
he belonged, and of which I was a native.  
I went therefore as a volunteer—an ad-  
venturer—to Boston—as possible many of  
you whom I now see before me, may con-  
sider yourselves as having come to Cincin-  
nati. I was without support of any kind,  
I may say I was a stranger in that city,  
though almost a native of the spot. I say  
I can hardly call it practice—because for  
the space of one year from that time, it  
would be difficult for me to name any  
practice which I had to do. For two years,  
indeed, I can recall nothing in which I  
was engaged, that may be termed prac-  
tice; though during the second year, there  
were some symptoms, that by that perse-  
vering patience of which you, sir, have  
spoken in such eloquent terms, practice  
might come in time.

The third year I continued this patience  
and perseverance, and having little to do,  
occupied my time as well as I could in the  
study of those laws and institutions which  
I have since been called to administer.—  
At the end of the third year, I had obtained  
something which might be called prac-  
tice.

The fourth year, I found it swelling to  
such an extent, that I no longer had any  
concern as to my future destiny, as a  
member of that profession. But in the  
midst of the fourth year, by the will of the  
first President of the United States, and  
with which the Senate was pleased to con-  
cur, I was selected for a station, not per-  
haps of more usefulness, but of greater  
consequence in the estimation of mankind,  
and sent from home on a mission to foreign  
parts.

From that time—the fourth year after  
my admission to the bar of my native  
State, and the first year of my admission  
to the bar of the Supreme Court of the U.  
States—I was deprived of the exercises of  
any further industry or labor at the bar, by  
this distinction—a distinction for which a  
previous education at the bar, if not an in-  
dispensable qualification, was at least a  
most useful preparation. From that time  
my practice at the bar has been little more  
than during the first year.

I was absent in Europe on that mission,  
succeeded by others which it was the  
pleasure of the first President to confide  
to me, for seven years. Returning then  
to my native country, I again commenced  
the practice of my profession in Boston.  
But in the first year, I was again selected  
to an office which no longer admitted of  
my practising at the bar. From that time,  
now upwards of forty years, I have appear-

ed at the bar but once—and that within  
the last two years, in the Supreme Court  
of the United States, on the occasion to  
which you have alluded, sir, in terms so  
much more complimentary than I deserve;  
and I embraced that occasion, to take a  
final adieu of the Profession.

In the course of that period of time, I  
have gone through a great variety of pub-  
lic offices, among which was the highest  
political station that can be conferred by  
the people of the United States upon a  
citizen. And yet, it may perhaps furnish  
some of the younger members of the bar  
who now hear me, food for a serious medi-  
tation, to say, that if it were now permit-  
ted me to pass another life, commencing  
in the profession of law, as mine did, and  
it were put to me, after passing three and  
a half or four years of the first part of  
my life as a lawyer, whether I would pass  
the remainder of it as I have done, entire-  
ly in the public service, and to the exclu-  
sion of the practice of that profession, or  
continue that profession as I began, with  
such powers as it has pleased the Creator  
to give me, and such industry and integ-  
rity in the application of those powers, as  
have been spoken of—I now solemnly de-  
clare, that so far as personal happiness is  
concerned, I would infinitely prefer to pass  
my life as a member of the bar, in the  
practice of my profession according to the  
ability which God has given me, to that  
life which I have led, and in which I have  
held places of high trust, honor, responsi-  
bility, and obloquy.

I say not obloquy, now, for the purpose  
of complaint. If it were true, that of all  
the public servants of the United States,  
it had been my fortune to suffer more of  
the ill opinion of the world at various times,  
and from the variety of estimation, high  
and low, which public servants must un-  
dergo—then I say, that if it were my fate  
to share a greater proportion of these evils  
than any other man living—the scenes of  
the last six months, my reception by my  
fellow-citizens of this city alone, and the  
prospect now before me, would more than  
compensate for all.

Brethren of the Profession of the Law—  
Perhaps my estimation of the Profession,  
notwithstanding what I have said, may not  
be so high as that which many of you  
make. So deep is my impression of the  
natural equality of mankind, and of the  
fundamental rights which that natural  
equality confers upon every human being,  
that I have been accustomed, and have  
accustomed myself, to transfer that prin-  
ciple of equality to all the professions of  
men—the honest professions adopted by  
men in the great and various pursuits of  
life.

It is common to say that the profession  
of the law is the highest, most honorable,  
and most dignified, that can be exercised  
by man. Possibly some of you may think  
so. It is possible that you may have en-  
tered upon the profession with that impres-  
sion. But that impression is not mine.—  
I do believe that the liberties of a country  
depend more upon the members of the  
bar than upon any other profession com-  
mon to man. Yet I do not consider it, in  
point of dignity, in point of importance,  
beyond that of the shoemaker, or the tail-  
or, or the housewright, or mason, or any  
mechanical profession. I consider it not  
superior to the profession of the healing  
art, destined to alleviate and remove the  
physical evils of the human race; far less  
do I consider it superior to that profession  
which connects man with the future and  
with God.

Perhaps some among you entertain the  
opinion that this profession alone may  
have the same claims to honor and digni-  
ty. Brethren, my own opinion upon that  
subject is, that the profession of divinity stands  
upon the same foundation as the profession  
of the law. The professors of both are  
bound by the laws of nature and of God,  
to pass lives of purity and innocence, do-  
ing all the good they can to their fellow  
creatures on earth. And if it is the priv-  
ilege of the professors of divinity to stand  
as mediators between God and Man, it is  
equally that of those of the law to main-  
tain at all hazards, every individual right  
conferred upon man, by Nature and God.  
I would say, therefore, that we ought to  
refer the whole question of the relative  
dignity and importance of professions and  
trades, to that sacred principle of natural  
equality which is the law of nature between  
man and man.

I deem it unnecessary to enlarge fur-  
ther on this subject. I will not discuss the  
right of different classes, to make pretensions  
to the superiority of their respective  
professions. If there is any one profes-  
sion that can claim superiority over all  
the rest, it is that of the cultivator of the  
earth. For him, more than once, that  
claim has been asserted. But to him I  
should assign precisely equal rights with  
all the rest. Because he in numbers  
counts more than all the rest—though his  
profession numbers more than ten to one  
of all others together—I cannot admit  
superiority on his part over the mechanic,  
the merchant, or the lawyer.

It is truly an exceedingly agreeable cir-  
cumstance to me, to receive this address  
on the part of brethren of my own pro-  
fession. The manner in which it has been  
pronounced—the terms in which the hon-  
orable gentleman has spoken to you of me—  
would furnish me language of eloquence,  
if language of eloquence were mine, for  
the remainder of this day. But this would  
put your patience to a severe trial.

In reference to that constant and persev-  
ering labor, and excitement of mind, in  
illustration of which the great name of  
Cicero was introduced. I trust I shall be  
excused, if speaking to the younger mem-  
bers of the profession present, I say, that  
whatever of justice there may be in the  
compliment paid me—if constant and persev-  
ering labor of mind, in the performance  
of the duties of life, has ever belonged to  
me, it is to that very name of Cicero that

I have been in a great measure indebted  
for it. And I will say to the younger  
members of the Bar, if they have not read  
Middletown's life of that great orator, states-  
man and lawyer—that if they will take  
the trouble to read that portion of it in  
which he traces their sources the prac-  
tice of Cicero in these virtues, they will  
find there a source to which I have been  
much indebted for whatever of truth that  
compliment may contain.

Brethren—It is painful to me, and I  
presume all will be sensible of it, to speak  
of myself—painful even when there seems  
to be an excuse furnished by circumstan-  
ces, under which I cannot help saying  
something.

But I cannot dwell longer, than to as-  
sure you, that this kindness will remain in  
my bosom till the last grasp of life. And  
now may all the blessings of Heaven be-  
long to you and yours!

Mr. Adams then, much affected, took by  
the hand each member of the Bar, and the  
meeting adjourned.

## AMERICAN HEMP.

An English merchant, who lately trav-  
elled in the United States, thus speaks of  
the growth of hemp:

"I saw in the United States navy yard  
stores, and the engines and machinery for  
spinning or twisting cables, which is su-  
perior to any thing of the kind I have  
ever seen in England. The Americans  
are growing their own hemp on the Missis-  
sippi, and the foremen of the repeals  
say that it is much superior, and will stand  
a much higher test than the Russian hemp,  
and that the cables they make are much  
better and stronger than the best they can  
get from England."

We have long been in the practice of  
sending millions of dollars annually to pay  
the owners of Russian surfs for hemp, while  
we had any quantity of vacant lands ad-  
mirably adapted to its culture. Mr. Van  
Buren contends that it is far better to  
compel all cultivators of the soil in this  
country to raise hemp at such prices for  
labor as are paid to the slaves of Russia,  
than to protect them, so that they can  
grow hemp in the United States, and sell  
it at prices, which will give them forty  
cents a day for their honest toil.

Loco Focoism takes the compensation  
given to the serfs of Russia, as the stand-  
ard of comfort and wages, to which all  
laboring men in America must be reduced  
for the benefit of a favored few, who have  
gold to sell, and labor to buy. It aims, to  
make the poor poorer and the rich richer  
by taking the minimum price of foreign  
labor as the measure of value of all our  
products of labor in the United States.—  
The tolling millions that grow hemp in  
Russia are robbed of a fair recompense for  
the service performed. Mr. Van Buren  
asserts, practically, that it is better for the  
American Government to obtain the hemp  
it needs for its Navy, by participating in  
the benefits of goods stolen from human  
bone and muscle in foreign nations, than  
to pay fair prices for American labor to  
produce the same goods.

Political Abolition. This is the title of  
the last of the Junius Tracts which we  
have received, and from which we propose  
to extract for publication those parts which  
we deem most interesting. The fol-  
lowing should arrest the attention of every  
reader.

It is well known, that previous to the  
start of political abolition in the free States,  
the spirit of emancipation prevailed ex-  
tensively in the Slave States, and among  
slave holders; that the leading and most  
influential men in those States, were ac-  
customed freely to acknowledge the evils  
of slavery, and were engaged in benevolent  
schemes to abate them; that many of them  
entertained with favor, the purpose of a  
gradual, and ultimately an entire abolition;  
that numerous conscientious persons were  
providing for the emancipation of their own  
slaves; that entire freedom of speech and  
of the press, on the subject, was toler-  
ated; that free colored people in the slave  
States, were generally treated with indig-  
nence, and encouraged; and that this state  
of feeling had made visible progress, from  
the organization of our government, down  
to the outbreak of political abolition in the  
free States. There was a fair prospect,  
that one slave State after another, begin-  
ning with the more northern, if left to their  
own free and undisturbed action, would fol-  
low the example of New Jersey, New York,  
and Pennsylvania, in the total extinction of  
slavery. Such was the state of things,  
while the subject was left to the moral in-  
fluence operating quietly and peacefully,  
but effectively, on the public mind. It is  
but a few years since, that a strong move-  
ment was made in the State and legislature  
of Virginia, for the adoption of a system of  
emancipation, which was eloquently debat-  
ed, and had a large minority vote.

But, behold the change! Maryland,  
which was expected first to move in the  
cause of emancipation, taking alarm from  
such interference, has inserted a clause in  
her Constitution for the perpetuity of slave-  
ry! The whole mind of the slave States,  
has been thrown off from its former basis  
of growing fear toward emancipation, and  
put in the attitude of defiance against for-  
eign interference. The ingress of free  
blacks into the slave States has generally  
been interdicted; free colored residents  
have been banished from some parts, and  
in all places subjected to great disadvan-  
tages, and deprived of important privileges;  
the work of emancipation has been put in  
check, and the disposition for it quenched;  
rigorous defensive laws have been enacted  
and enforced; the intellectual, moral, and  
religious improvement of the slaves, which  
before was encouraged, and growing in  
popularity, has been very much abridged,  
and in some places entirely stopped; the  
slaves are subjected to a stricter watch,

and treated with greater rigor, where coun-  
ties of apprehension exist; scarcely an ad-  
vocate of emancipation can be found in the  
slave States, where there were thousands,  
and tens of thousands before; free-labor  
of speech and of the press, except on one side  
of the question, is chiefly suppressed; and  
the entire slave-holding portion of the  
Union, instead of being engaged, as before,  
in meliorating the condition of the slave,  
mitigating the rigors of the system, and  
marching forward toward the goal of final  
emancipation, has been forced into an at-  
titude, and into measures of defence against  
the political abolition of the free States.

We ask, if these are not very impressive  
and very instructive facts!—The lessons  
of experience teach us, that it is safe to  
judge of the future from the past, of what  
is to come from what has happened. Such  
being our rule of judgment, it is manifest,  
that no political abolition has yet done any-  
thing but injury to the cause it has taken  
in hand, and injury on an immense scale, it  
will do nothing but injury in time to come.

HONOR TO THE WINGS OF MISSISSIPPI!  
The Whigs of Mississippi are beaten but  
they should be prouder of their position in  
defeat than of the most brilliant victory.

For two successive Elections, with hardly  
an exception in their ranks, they have  
fought the battle of Honesty and Good  
Faith against Knavery and Repudiation.  
Some few knaves who had crept in among  
them have crawled out, dreading to be tax-  
ed or to be on the unpopular side; but  
nine-tenths of the whole party have stood  
firm on the side of Uprightness, while  
nineteen-twentieths of their opponents  
have voted, on specious but flimsy pretexts,  
to rob the creditors of the State. Here is  
one of these touchstone questions which  
show what the respective parties are made  
of.—Glorious Whigs of Mississippi! how  
nobly does your conduct contrast with that  
of shuffling, paltering Indiana! You will  
yet triumph, friends! and how proud will  
be your triumph! How the hearts of all  
honest men will rejoice over it! Who  
would not go half a mile out of his way  
to shake hands with one of the noble  
Whigs of Mississippi?

## MISSISSIPPI ELECTION.

Clinton, Brown, Williams, 1541.  
Counties, Wm. Lee, Basil Shattuck, Tucker,  
24 before, 9,790 6,748 878 6,538 6,540  
Marshall, 933 408 12 894 887  
Perkins, 423 329 16 318 220  
Tulahoma, 298 173 0 133 173  
Scott, 73 322 0 51 156  
Yazoo, 471 371 19 409 409  
Total, 8,810 8,797 515 8,812 8,805  
White majority, 41, Do is 41, 508  
We dissent two Counties, from which we had  
before reported majorities, but from which we now  
publish accurate returns.

Here is the vote of nearly half the  
State, including Counties on all the edges.  
There can be no doubt that the Republi-  
cans have the Governor and Legislature.

The Abolitionists have polled 12,  
500 votes in forty Counties of this State.  
They have probably polled 15 to 16,000  
in all.

## THE TARIFF.

Mr. Editor.—When a man refuses to  
listen to arguments, there may yet be hope  
that he may be moved by facts; but when  
facts fail to make impression, he must be  
put down as a gone case. Such appears  
to the situation of many of my professed  
neighbors, who have got it into their heads  
that a tariff must make some things dearer  
and because we ask the foreigner to pay  
for the privilege of coming here to take the  
business out of our own hands, and carry-  
ing out of the country the money that  
should be paid to our own mechanics,  
they oppose it. To such, I wish to state  
one fact in illustration of the truth that a  
heavy tariff on an article, has no sure ten-  
dency to make it dearer—and if they have  
logic enough to perceive that "like causes  
produce like effects" they will no longer fear  
having to dress in the skins of wild beasts,  
because of a duty on cloth.

But a few years since, the lead used in  
this country, amounting to many thousands  
annually, was brought almost wholly  
from Europe, at a cost of 9 to 12 cents per  
lb. A tariff of three cents per pound.  
I think was imposed. The lead Manufactur-  
ers at first thought themselves ruined,  
but by the same tariff, "busts" were to  
be imported duty free; and a Lead Com-  
pany in Salem, Mass. thought of a plan to  
obtain their lead free of duty as before.  
That was, to have it run into busts and im-  
port an immense amount before Congress  
had time to amend the law. Consequen-  
tly, they ordered lead to the value of a half  
million dollars, to be run into busts of  
Dr. Franklin which were imported fore-  
with—a supply sufficient for three or four  
years. And did they save three cents per  
lb. as they expected, amounting to about  
\$150,000! Far from it. The lead mines